

# SENATE . . . . . No. 378

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to promote alternative energy on farms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mr. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Benjamin B. Downing	Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00473 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT TO PROMOTE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY ON FARMS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1   SECTION 1. The Department of Agriculture Resources is hereby authorized and directed to  
2   establish, subject to appropriation, a loan program, to be administered in consultation with  
3   MasDevelopment, to provide loans on favorable terms and conditions to farmers and groups of  
4   farmers for the following purposes: implementing or improving alternative energy systems;  
5   implementing or improving water saving systems; implementing or improving energy saving  
6   systems; and implementing or improving alternative heating and cooling systems. In  
7   establishing the loan program authorized under this section, DAR shall utilize, to the extent  
8   practicable and appropriate to making available loans on favorable terms and conditions for the  
9   purposes described in this section, arrangements with private lending institutions involving  
10   linked deposits, loan guarantees, sharing of administrative costs, and other means deemed  
11   appropriate by DAR.